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For: NON-RECIRCULATING CONICAL FLUID  
DYNAMIC BEARING FOR AN ELECTRIC  
MOTOR

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Examiner: C. Hansen

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated September 22, 2005, for which a response is due on October 22, 2005, and which sets forth an election of species requirement for pending claims 1-22. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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